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SUBJ: CRUDE PRODUCTION 1975

1. FINAL 1975 CRUDE PRODUCTION FIGURES FOR ABU DHABI'S TWO

MAJOR PRODUCERS, ADPC AND ADMA, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ADPC - TOTAL BARRELS FOR YEAR 327,108,553

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AVERAGE DAILY PRODUCTION 896,188

ADMA - TOTAL BARRELS FOR YEAR	153,871,189
AVERAGE DAILY PRODUCTION	444,804

THESE FIGURES REFLECT DECREASES OF APPROXIMATELY TWO AND FOUR PERCENT RESPECTIVELY FROM 1974 PRODUCTION LEVELS, WITH DROP RESULTING IN FIRST INSTANCE FROM CUTBACKS EARLY IN YEAR AND SECONDLY FROM UAE DECISION IN AUGUST TO CURTAIL CATCH-UP (ABU DHABI 1796). CERTAINLY, ON BASIS CURRENT DEMAND, 1976 SHOULD SEE INCREASE WITH BOTH COMPANIES CURRENTLY PRODUCING AT ALLOWABLE CEILINGS OF ONE MILLION AND 450,000 BPD RESPECTIVELY.

2. IN TERMS OF KEEPING RECORD STRAIGHT, REPORTS WHICH HAVE APPEARED (MEES AMONG OTHERS) TO EFFECT THAT ADPC WAS OPERATING UNDER 900,000 BPD CEILING IN LAST MONTHS 1975 AND THAT ONLY ON JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR WAS THIS RAISED TO ONE MILLION BPD, WERE INCORRECT. OCTOBER PRODUCTION WAS WELL UNDER 900,000, BUT THIS WAS FOR TECHNICAL REASONS. AS REPORTED PIW DEC 29, NOVEMBER PRODUCTION WAS PERMITTED TO RAISE TO 1/2 MILLION BPD TO MAKE UP FOR OCTOBER CUT, RESULTING IN TWO-MONTH AVERAGE JUST OVER ONE MILLION. DECEMBER PRODUCTION LIKEWISE WAS JUST OVER ONE MILLION BPD. IN SHORT, SINCE AUGUST ADPC HAS FACED CEILING OF ONE MILLION AND ADMA ONE OF 450,000, AND THESE LIMITS CONTINUE ON INTO 1976 WITHOUT CHANGE.
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